

## STATE OF TENNESSEE

## COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

**BE IT REMEMBERED THAT**, the Quarterly Session of the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners began and was held in and for the aforementioned State and County on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016 A.D. at 6:30 P.M., at the Jefferson County Courthouse in Dandridge, Tennessee. Present and Presiding were Chairman Pro Tempore Todd Kesterson; County Clerk Frank Herndon; and the following County Commissioners answering to Roll Call Docket Page 279 to-wit: Katy Huffaker, Steve Douglas, David Gaut, Randy Baxley, Rita Musick, Donnie Tabor, Russell Turner, Tim Seals, Sammy Solomon, Ralph "Gene" Eslinger, Randy Bales, John Neal Scarlett, Terry Dockery, Robert Tucker, David Seal, Bob Beeler, and Barbara Sheets. Eighteen (18) members were present, Three (3) were absent John McGraw, Robert Blevins, and Jimmy Carmichael.

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Pro Tempore Todd Kesterson. An invocation was given by Chaplain Donnie Tabor, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Pro Tempore Todd Kesterson.

**APPROVAL & CORRECTIONS OF THE AGENDA:**

With no corrections, Commissioner Solomon moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Seals, no objections were made and the agenda was **approved** as presented.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

Commissioner Scarlett moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Monthly Session, June 27, 2016, Beer Board June 27, 2016, and Special Called Session July 11, 2016. Commissioner Musick seconded the motion and the minutes were **approved** with no objections.

**APPEARANCE OF CITIZENS:**

Steven L. Hammer 5<sup>th</sup> District – Spoke to the Chamber of Commerce's need to update their website because it did not report current data on the Jefferson County unemployment rate. Spoke to the Commission's ability to request records from the Chamber of Commerce.

Sharon D. Lambert – Spoke to the need to have regulations for safe firework use in residential areas. This item was passed to the Public Service Committee to further investigate.

**PRESENTATION OF HONORARY RESOLUTION**

**Resolution 2016-37**, a resolution to commemorate and honor Ms. Lura Hinchey for twenty years of public service to the citizens of Jefferson County, Tennessee, as Jefferson County Archives Director. Sponsor: Commissioner Robert Tucker. The Resolution was read by the clerk and presented to Ms. Hinchey by Commissioner Tucker. Motion to approve was provided by Commissioner Musick, seconded by Commissioner Turner and **approved** with no objection voiced. Ms. Hinchey was given a well-deserved standing ovation by the commission and citizens in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF NOTARIES & BONDS:**

Commissioner Baxley moved to approve the list of notaries as presented, Commissioner Solomon seconded the motion. Hearing no objections, the motion **carried**, and the below named applicants for Notary Public were **approved** provided the proper bonds or property affidavits are filed in the office of the County Clerk.

Damaris Dooley      Davina Boatman      Ginger M West      Junea Graves      Tracie Michelle Patroni  
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## **ELECTION OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS, & COMMISSIONS:**

Nominating Committee recommendation for approval – Chairman Jimmy Carmichael

1. Jefferson County Board of Health: Dr. John McGraw to complete the unexpired term of Dr. Rual Swanson (Term expires Oct 2019) – Hearing no nominations from the floor, a motion to approve was made by Commissioner Solomon, seconded by Commissioner Seals and Dr. John McGraw was **approved** with no opposition voiced.
2. Jefferson County Library Board & Clinch River Regional Library Board (Term Jul 2016 – Jul 2019): Laura Darby – Hearing no nominations from the floor, a motion to approve was made by Commissioner Seals, seconded by Commissioner Solomon and Laura Darby was **approved** with no opposition voiced.
3. Industrial Development Board of Jefferson County: Michael D. Dockery to complete the unexpired term of Brad Jenkins (Term expires Jan 2019). Commissioner Tucker nominated Steven Hammer, Commissioner Dockery nominated Scott Schroeder. Commissioner Solomon moved that nominations cease, seconded by Commissioner Sheets. A Roll Call Vote was taken yielding the following result:  
Dockery: 5 (Baxley, Seals, Bales, Beeler, and Sheets)  
Hammer: 8 (Kesterson, Douglas, Gaut, Turner, Solomon, Eslinger, Tucker, and Seal)  
Schroeder: 4 (Huffaker, Tabor, Scarlett, and Dockery) Commissioner Musick abstained.  
Due to the lack of simple majority, a run off was held between Dockery and Hammer and yielded the following result:  
Dockery: 6 (Baxley, Tabor, Seals, Bales, Beeler, and Sheets)  
Hammer: 11 (Huffaker, Kesterson, Douglas, Gaut, Turner, Solomon, Eslinger, Scarlett, Dockery, Tucker, and Seal) Commissioner Musick abstained.  
With this vote, Steven Hammer was **elected** to the Industrial Development Board.
4. Jefferson County Archives Director: Wayne Roberts, Hearing no nominations from the floor, a motion to approve was made by Commissioner Seals, seconded by Commissioner Tucker and Wayne Roberts was **approved** with no opposition voiced.

## **REPORTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS, DEPARTMENT HEADS, AND OTHER OFFICIALS:**

- A. County Mayor, Alan Palmieri
  1. Reappointment of Commissioner Rob Blevins to the 911 Board, a motion to confirm was made by Commissioner Scarlett, seconded by Commissioner Tucker, hearing no objections, Commissioner Blevins' reappointment was **confirmed**.
- B. Circuit/Sessions Court Clerk, Penny Murphy
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report: Presented at Work Session and Filed.
- C. County Clerk, Frank Herndon
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter/Annual Financial Report: Presented and Filed.
- D. Highway Superintendent, Charles Tipton
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Work Accomplished Report: Presented at Work Session and Filed.
- E. Register of Deeds, Ed Stiner
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter and Annual Financial Reports: Presented at Work Session and Filed.
- F. Sheriff, G.W. "Bud" McCoig
  - 2015-2016 Yearly Report & 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report: Presented at Work Session and Filed.
- G. Trustee, Ginger Franklin
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter and Annual Financial Reports: Presented at Work Session and Filed.

- H. Building Inspector, Rob Wilson  
4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report, 2015-2016 Fiscal Year Permit Report, School Facilities Tax Report: Presented at Work Session and Filed.
- I. Chamber of Commerce President & CEO, Darrell Helton  
June Report: Presented.
- J. Clerk & Master, Nancy Humbard  
Annual Financial Report: Presented and Filed.
- K. Director of Schools, Dr. Charles Edmonds  
Dr. Edmonds requested to allow Michael Phagan speak to the Schools Capital Projects. Mr. Phagan presented the Commission with a past Capital Projects Summary, and a list of proposed Capital Projects that needed to be addressed. Commissioner Huffaker requested Mr. Phagan take this list and assign a time frame to each item so that the commission could see the urgency of the need.
- L. Emergency Communications District Executive Director, Justin Crowther  
4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report: Presented and Filed.
- M. Emergency Medical Service Director, Brad Phillips  
Monthly Statistical Analysis: Presented at Work Session and Filed.
- N. Environmental Services Director, Tom Carter  
4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report: Presented at Work Session and Filed.
- O. Library Board Director Michelle Templin  
Library Budget as of June 30, 2016: Presented at Work Session and Filed.
- P. Public Health County Director, Sherrie Montgomery  
4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report: Presented at Work Session and Filed.
- Q. UT Extension Service, Jefferson County Director and 4-H agent Karen Nelms  
4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report: Presented at Work Session and Filed.
- R. Veterans Service Officer: Tim Williams  
4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report: Presented at Work Session and Filed.
- S. Wheel Tax Compliance Officer, Tim Satterfield  
4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report: Presented at Work Session and Filed.

#### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS, & COMMISSIONS:**

- A. Budget Committee Chairman, Commissioner Scarlett – Budget Committee recommendations
  - 1. Budget Amendments
    - a) County Sanitation Fund 116, Amendment #1, Item #1: Approved with no objection voiced.
    - b) County Landfill Fund 207, Amendment #1, Item #1: Approved with no objection voiced.
    - c) Schools General Purpose Fund 141, Amendment #1, Item #1: Approved with no objection voiced.
    - d) Schools Federal Purpose Fund 142, Amendment #1, Items #1: Approved with no objection voiced.
  - 2. **Resolution 2016-34** – Interfund loan not to exceed \$100,000 capital outlay note (Landfill): Commissioner Scarlett requested that Commissioners make a correction to the Resolution under (i) by deleting the phrase “the construction, renovation and” so that section (i) correctly reads “equipping of landfill facilities;” **Resolution 2016-34** was **approved** on a Roll Call vote 17-0-1 Commissioner Gaut abstained and all others present were in favor.
- B. Conservation Board Chairman, Commissioner Tucker – Conservation Board meeting was scheduled for tonight however a quorum was not present and no action was taken.

- C. Facilities Committee Chairman, Commissioner Turner  
Commissioner Turner stated that the Facilities Committee unanimously recommends the renaming of the Jefferson County Archives Office to “Jefferson County Archives and The Lu Hinchey Genealogical Center”. With no objection from the floor the renaming was **approved**.

#### **ITEMS OF INFORMATION FOR COMMISSIONERS**

- A. Chestnut Hill VFD – Chief George Owenby, June 2016 Activity Report: Presented.  
B. Dandridge VFD – Chief Andrew Riley, June 2016 Activity Report: Presented.  
C. Commissioner Tucker requested as Commissioner Seal present at the next work session a follow-up of the information he received from the finance office regarding the “Ten year history of tax collections, future budgets” that he presented at the work session.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Resolution 2016-35:** Moratorium on Development of Campgrounds, Gun Ranges, & Firing Ranges – Commissioner Tucker moved to approve **Resolution 2016-35**, a second was provided by Commissioner Turner. Commissioner Seals abstained and with no objection voiced, **Resolution 2016-35** was **approved**.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. **Resolution 2016-33:** Rezoning request from A-1 (Agriculture-Forestry) to R-1 (Rural Residential) for property located at 1002 Hwy 139, Dandridge, Tennessee, owned by Jeff Davies (Map 082, Parcel 041.06). Commissioner Scarlett moved for approval, seconded by Commissioner Solomon. Commissioner Seals abstained and with no objection voiced **Resolution 2016-33** was **approved**.  
B. **Resolution 2016-36:** Voter Photo Identification, Requesting Assistance from Tennessee General Assembly. Commissioner Seal moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner Solomon provided a second and with no objections voiced the **Resolution 2016-36** was **approved**.  
C. **Resolution 2016-38:** Surplus to Dispose of Property (Assessor of Property). A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Solomon, seconded by Commissioner Turner with no objections voiced **Resolution 2016-38** was **approved**.  
D. Letter Invoice from Tennessee Department of Agriculture for county appropriations for Cooperative Forest Fire Control Program, FY 2015-2016: In the absence of Chairman Carmichael and with no further information provided on this invoice, Commissioner Scarlett moved to postpone this item until the next work session, the motion to postpone was seconded by Commissioner Dockery, with no objections from the floor, this item was **postponed**.

A motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Solomon, seconded by Commissioner Musick. The meeting was **adjourned** at 7:37 PM.